

The Authors of the First CASE of *SALT-PETRE*, Humbly offer the following Particulars as *Reasons* against passing the *Bill*.

As to the Occasions of the Crown and Merchants (upon which the Bill is grounded) and as to Supplying Ireland and the West-Indies with Gun-powder (mentioned in the last Salt-Petre Case, delivered by the Prosecutors of the Bill,)

First, That none of them do want *Salt Petre*.

Secondly, If they should want Gun-powder, it is cheaper to buy it in *Holland*, than to import *Salt Petre* from thence, and make it into Gunpowder in *England*.

Thirdly, That the passing this Bill will raise *Salt-Petre* (and consequently Gunpowder) in *Holland* near *Cent. per Cent.* to the prejudice of those who have occasion for it.

As to the Tradesmen who have since petitioned for passing the Bill,

First, They did not Petition of themselves, untill they were solicited thereunto by the Prosecutors of this Bill.

Secondly, That some of them use no *Petre*, and others inconsiderable quantities, and no Manufactures are sent from hence to *Holland* for want of *Petre*, there being enough in *England* to supply them.

As to future Supplies,

First, The *East-India* Company are to supply the Crown with 500 Tuns yearly, and several of their Ships are Arrived, and others daily expected.

Secondly, That several Entrys have been lately made in the *Custom-house* of *Salt-Petre* Imported from *Hamburg*, as the Manufacture of *Germany*, from whence more is Expected.

Thirdly, That the *Salt-Petre-Work* at *Islington* is capable of Producing great Quantities, and is so acknowledged by all Impartial men who see and understand it; and is in it self an Evidence that it could not be sooner finished, notwithstanding all the false Aspersions cast upon the Owners of it, as *Patentees*, *Impostors*, and *Stock-Jobbers*.

As to the Design of the Bill :

First, It is in part to Repeal the Act of 12 Car. 2. Cap. 18. (for Increasing our Shipping and Navigation,) on purpose to enrich two or three men. For a Merchant (whose Dutch Factors Name is *Poole*) having bought 600 Tuns of *Petre* at the Sale at *Amsterdam* (which was in the beginning of this Sessions) at about 56 *l. per Tun*, brought in this Bill to raise the Price of *Salt-Petre* there, which it hath done to about 76 *l. per Tun* : And if this Bill passes, it is expected at 90, or 100 *l. per Tun*. For there are several others who wait for the passing of this Bill, and thereupon Immediately to Buy up the *Petre* in *Holland* ; so that the King is Foretalled, and if he should want, must pay what Price they please.

Secondly, That this Merchant and two or three *Stock-Jobbers* (since taken into his Assistance, who had before given out Ginnyes in the Nature of Laying of Wagers, That the Stock in *Islington Salt-Petre-Works* would fall) are the only Prosecutors of this Bill, and the Crown, Merchants and Tradesmen (who ought to have been Principals in this Cause) are only Subpena'd in as Evidence to Inforce the Bill.

If these things are true in Fact, it is humbly hoped that (notwithstanding all the self-contradicting Arguments in the last *Salt-Petre* Case) the Honourable House of Commons will see no Reasons for the passing of this Bill.

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